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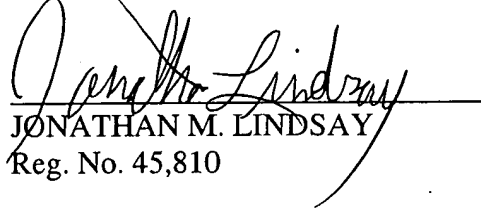
This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in response to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated October 1, 2001. This amendment corrects the specification which previously referred to a Figure 1A and a Figure 1B, whereas it should reference only a Figure 1. A marked-up copy of the amended paragraphs is attached hereto as Exhibit A, showing additions with underlining and deletions in brackets.

Please also accept the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Change, which is needed to conform the drawings to the specification.

Applicant has previously submitted informal drawing which are suitable for examination purposes as provided for in 37 C.F.R. 1.85(a). Applicant will submit formal drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 once the application has been deemed to be in condition for allowance.

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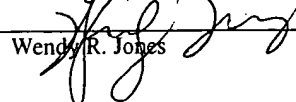

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Exhibit A

Paragraph beginning on page 4, line 2:

Figure [1A] 1 is a system block diagram of one embodiment of a network system in which the apparatus and method of the present disclosure may be implemented.

Paragraph beginning on page 4, line 4:

[Figure 1B is a system block diagram of another embodiment of a network system in which the apparatus and method of the present disclosure may be implemented.]

Paragraph beginning on page 8, line 23:

A description of an exemplary system, which incorporates embodiments of the present invention, is herein described. Figure [1A] 1 shows a system block diagram of one embodiment of a network system 10 in which the apparatus and method of the invention is used. Referring to Figure [1A] 1, the network system 10 comprises a Web center 12 that is connected over one or more communication links 20 to a remote network 30 (e.g., a wide area network or the Internet) or a remote site (e.g., a satellite, which is not shown in Figure [1A] 1) to one or more user computer systems 401-40N ("40"). In one embodiment, the user computer 40 is a personal computer, while in another embodiment the user computer 40 is a handheld device. In one embodiment, the Web center 12 includes a Web site 14. The Web center 12 may further include one or more servers 22 and one or more databases 24. In one embodiment, the server 22 includes software modules for performing the processes of the invention, as described in detail in the following sections.